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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **Noise Exposure Map Notice for San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco, California**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the City and County of San Francisco for San Francisco International Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 et. seq (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

**DATES:** Effective date: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** and applicable January 29, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Camille Garibaldi, Federal Aviation Administration, San Francisco Airports District Office, 1000 Marina Boulevard, Suite 220, Brisbane, California 94005-1835; or telephone number: (650) 827-7613.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for San Francisco International Airport are in compliance with

applicable requirements of 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 150 (hereinafter referred to as "part 150"), effective January 29, 2016. Under 49 U.S.C. section 47503 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport. An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation submitted by City and County of San Francisco. The documentation that constitutes the "Noise Exposure Maps" as defined in section 150.7 of part 150 includes: Exhibit 5-1 - 2014 Noise Exposure Map – San Francisco International Airport [existing condition] and Exhibit 5-2 - 2019 Noise Exposure Map – San Francisco International Airport [5-year forecast condition]. The Noise Exposure Maps contain current and forecast information including the depiction of the airport and its boundary; the runway configurations, land uses such as residential, commercial, industrial, and open space/recreational land use; locations of noise sensitive public buildings (such as schools, hospitals, and historic properties on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places); and the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) 65, 70, and 75 decibel airport noise contours resulting from existing and forecast airport operations. The frequency of airport operations is described in section 4.6 of the Noise Exposure Map Update report. Flight tracks associated with San Francisco International Airport are depicted in Exhibits 4-3 through 4-10a. The San Francisco International Airport noise monitoring system is described

in section 4.7 and monitoring locations are shown on Exhibit 4-11 of the report. Estimates of the number of people residing within the CNEL contours is located in section 5.5 of the Noise Exposure Map Update report. The FAA has determined that these noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on January 29, 2016.

FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program. If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 47506 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 47503 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the full noise exposure map documentation and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration  
Western-Pacific Region  
Airports Division  
15000 Aviation Boulevard, Room 3012  
Hawthorne, California 90261

Federal Aviation Administration  
San Francisco Airports District Office  
1000 Marina Boulevard, Suite 220  
Brisbane, California 94005-1835

San Francisco International Airport  
Bureau of Planning and Environmental Affairs  
Attention: Audrey Park, Senior Environmental Planner  
710 North McDonnell Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94128

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

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